

BOARD TO REPLY TO ATTACK

Commissioners Take Exceptions to Part of
Grand Jury Report Referring to Road
Work and Will Issue Full
Statement

ALL ACTIONS PART OF PUBLIC RECORD

No Secrecy Attempted; Will Show How
All Funds Were Expended, Says Chair-
man Corzine; Robinson Hands
Jurors Slight Jolt

According to statements given out by the commissioners of the county of Grady, a statement regarding the clause in the report of the grand jury censuring the commissioners for the manner in which the road work in certain parts of the county has been done, will be ready in a few days, properly prepared by members of the commission and setting forth in detail all the particulars about the construction of the work.

In speaking of the matter this morning J. A. Corzine, chairman of the board of commissioners, said, "I have not read the report of the grand jury. However, I have been told of the report and have been told that that honorable body has seen fit to reflect upon the manner in which this commission has built certain pieces of road. I shall investigate the report of the grand jury, that is I shall study it thoroughly and then make a report showing the people just how every cent of the money on roads has been expended. In this connection I would like to state that there has been at no time any attempted secrecy in this matter, the matter has been open and above board in every detail and all acts of the commissioners have been made a part of the county's records and as such records belong to the public and are open for the inspection of any one."

W. A. Bryant, commissioner from the northern district, stated that he cared to say nothing in the matter today. Mr. Bryant reiterated the statement of Chairman Corzine, however, in that the proceedings of the commissioners were a part of the public record and as such open for the reading and the inspection of every one in Grady county. "We have done nothing which we care to hide," said Mr. Bryant.

J. A. Robinson, member of the commissioners' board from the central, or Chickasha district, stated that he cared to say nothing at the present time. "I suppose," said Mr. Robinson, "this report may be looked upon by those who do not like the way things have been run since I have been a member of the board of commissioners, as a personal attack on me. I wish to reiterate what Chairman Corzine has said, that all doings of the board of commissioners in road building as in every other line, have been open. Everything done has been made a part of the record and as such is open to inspection of every one in the state at large, as well as to every one in Grady county. This board has played no favorites in any manner and in any form. At the proper time we shall publish a full and complete review of the manner in which the road work, to which the slap of the grand jury's report alludes, showing how every penny was spent and who drew those pennies."

"In the meanwhile, before we do this, it might be well to state that ten members of the inquisitorial body, the grand jury of Grady county, Oklahoma, drew pay in the sum of \$2 each for serving the county as such grand jurors on the 15th day of January, 1916. A glance at the calendar will show you that the 16th of January fell on Sunday and a little investigation will further show you that the grand jury was not in session on that date. This money was paid to the ten jurors claiming attendance, through the office of the court clerk and the duty of the board of commissioners of Grady county is to see that the ones who drew this amount, money to which they were not entitled, shall be called upon to pay back and reimburse the county."

Business of Board.
Following the business of the Mon-

day session the board reassembled and resumed regular routine business transactions.

Application of Mrs. M. J. Moore of Verden for assistance was passed for the present for further investigation and referred to Commissioner Bryant. Application of Maud Allen, 1119 Pennsylvania avenue, Chickasha, asking assistance, referred to Superintendent Shepard for further investigation.

Petition received and filed from citizens of Ninnekah township asking that a road be established and declared open from the corners of sections 29-32, township 5, range 7 west, and on the line of the Rock Island right of way, referred back to the township board with instructions to bring about and effect an amicable settlement with the property owners along the lines of the proposed road.

The following parties were allowed temporary assistance in the sum of \$2.50 per week: T. M. Thompson, Kate Martin, Nannie Hardage.

Order made that Constable Elliott of Middleburg be informed that his bondsmen desired release and that his bond would be declared forfeited.

In the matter of the appeal by the county from the decision of the district court relative to payment of 49 per cent of all fees due sheriff for service criminal process wherein the county shall be liable, order was made and spread upon the records setting forth that the decision of the supreme court should be used as a basis for settlement of all future claims from the sheriff's office.

The afternoon session of the commissioners is being devoted to the passing upon accounts presented against the county.

WILL HOLD RALLY FOR MISSIONS

All Day Services at Christian Church To-
morrow with Addresses by Eminent
Speakers; All Invited to Share
Feast of Good Things

(By REV. G. LYLE SMITH.)

On tomorrow, Wednesday, February 3, there will be an all-day rally of unusual interest at the Christian church. Mr. Bert Wilson of Kansas City, who is the western secretary of the Foreign Christian Missionary society, and is in every way a remarkable man and one of the most eminent missionary experts of America, will be the principal speaker.

With him will be Mr. M. B. Madden and Mr. H. C. Holgood of Japan and Africa, respectively, and now touring the United States in the interest of missions. Both have rendered eminent service in the foreign field. They will have with them a large supply of maps, charts, books and foreign curios. No collection or pledges will be taken. Their work is educational and inspirational.

Great preachers and churches hall such rallies as being of incalculable value. There will not be a dull minute.

All churches within fifty miles of Chickasha have been invited to enjoy and share the blessings of this rally. Many have sent notice of their coming. All Christians, regardless of denominational lines, are cordially invited to come and share in the feast of good things. Morning session at 9 a. m., afternoon session at 2 p. m.; luncheon at the church at 6:30 p. m.; evening session at 7:30 p. m.

All men who can not attend the day sessions are specially invited to attend the luncheon and evening session, which will be the climax of the day's program. At night there will be highly interesting stereopticon views in addition to the addresses. No one interested in world-wide missions can well afford to miss this rally. The men of this rally team will lift our minds above merely national or continental views to world-wide conditions and needs.

FIVE FOR PEN.

Five prisoners, sentenced to the state penitentiary at McAlester at the recent term of district court, are now in jail awaiting removal to the penal institution. Sheriff Bailey stated this morning that a couple of deputies would probably leave Chickasha with the prisoners Wednesday or Thursday of this week.

AMERICAN STEEL FOR THE ALLIES



Two hundred thousand tons of steel billets and bloom steel being unloaded from 4,000 freight cars in South Brooklyn, whence it was to be shipped to France to make into war munitions.

BEAUTIFUL, HOSPITABLE CITY OF EL RENO IS GIVEN BOOST

"I am a loyal citizen of Chickasha, just as true to the interests of the city as any who may be found here at any time," said a representative Chickasha man a few days since, "but I believe in giving credit where the same may be due, at any and all times, and in carrying out this great idea of fairness I want to state that I consider El Reno one of the most hospitable and up-to-date cities I have ever had the good fortune to visit, not in Oklahoma alone, but in any state of this great galaxy of hospitable and up-to-date states."

"In evidence of the correctness of this assertion," continued the speaker, "I would state that a short time since I chanced to be in El Reno when the officials of that city were entertaining certain of the officials of Chickasha, Kingfisher, Geary, Marlow, Duncan, Oklahoma City, Anadarko and other nearby cities. On this occasion the true hospitality of El Reno was shown—the true spirit of progress and the old spirit of 'our latch-string is hanging out.'"

"Why, sir, on the day of which speak, El Reno fairly bristled with hospitality and peace on earth, good will toward men. Scarcely had we detained and walked around the block, in an effort to get the kinks out of our legs and meet up with some fellow who might chance to be 'transplanted' when an El Renian, accompanied by several others of the same political persuasion, came upon us, clasped each of us heartily between the shoulder blades and told us of an old friend whom we had known in former years, now, the 'El Renians' averred, a well known citizen of that

backwater. "The old friend—and many of you remember him and will recall his pleasing and smiling features when I mention his name—was found awaiting us and ready to welcome our coming. He was the same affable gentleman as of yore; the same urbane and suave Old Man Cascade who used to sit in with the crowds about the little round, green-topped tables in Chickasha. He was glad to meet each of us and welcomed each as an old and tried and true friend. I could tell you many pleasing anecdotes he told of the good old days in Chickasha, and could mention the names of many of our respected citizens of whose general health the old gentleman asked, but perhaps I had better not. You see, some of the old timers Cascade asked particularly about are now members in good standing and bright and shining lights in their respective denominations."

"Yes," said the narrator, with a flash, as he wiped a reminiscent tear from his eye, "yes, El Reno is a beautiful city and knows how to entertain. In addition to being the home of Old Man Cascade, Pete Duffy and many other well known citizens reside there. And the landscape architect who laid out the plans for beautifying the streets and public grounds was a genius. Many of the streets in what a stranger in El Reno would consider the least important sections of the city, are hedged with the fine and healthy Anheuser-Busch and great clusters of the beautiful American Four Roses are to be found blooming in quite spots along these sequestered streets."

MINISTER IS FATALLY WOUNDED

By United Press.
SHERMAN, Feb. 8.—A religious feud between two factions of the Baptist church culminated late yesterday in the shooting of Rev. H. M. Cagle, aged 45, a prominent minister, by Mrs. Annie Faust, aged 39, wife of a farmer. Two bullets penetrated the minister's breast and he is reported to be dying in a local hospital.

Mrs. Faust was the head of the "progressive" group of the church and Cagle led the other faction. The woman charges that the minister slandered her in regards to trips that she made to Fort Worth, Whitesboro and other nearby cities.

The minister and the woman met on the sidewalk and the latter drew a revolver from her handbag and fired. The first two shots took effect. Three others went wild as Cagle fled.

One stray bullet wounded Chas. Parsons, an elevator boy. Cagle collapsed near the court house. Mrs. Faust was released on a \$1,000 bond and returned home with her husband. Cagle's wife is at his bedside.

BABY TINSLEY ARRIVES.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Tinsley, Jr., living on the Jones and Holes ranch, near Anadarko, are rejoicing over the birth of a baby girl to them.

LUSITANIA CASE LOOKS BRIGHTER

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 8.—According to the best information obtainable today, the final settlement of the Lusitania case is now up to Ambassador Bernstorff.

Administration leaders express themselves as hopeful that a satisfactory settlement of the controversy will be reached within the next 24 hours.

It is understood that the new memorandum which Bernstorff left with Secretary Lansing leaves the way open for further concessions if necessary.

Ambassador Bernstorff and Secretary Lansing were to confer in regard to the matter this afternoon.

EVENTS IN THE WAR
ONE YEAR AGO TODAY.

* Von Hindenburg's great Russian drive was just beginning.
* The Germans tried to set fire to Soissons with shells.
* The Wilhelmshagen, carrying food from America to non-combatants in Germany, was seized by the British.

REAL TALE RIVAL OF ROMANCE

Story of Mother, Two Babes, Submarine
and Warship Comes from Remote
Section of Shetland Islands;
Reads Like Fiction

WOMAN WATCHES U-BOAT SUBMERGE

Foreseeing Peril of British Seamen, Leaves
Beside of Sick Child to Give
Warning and is Rewarded
by Captain

By WILBUR S. FORREST.
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
LONDON, Jan. 25.—(By Mail.)—

A story that rivals fiction has reached London from a remote section of the Shetland Islands.

A mother, watching over her sick child in a cottage on the shore of a sea inlet, saw a German U-boat submerge in the channel way. During the day the doctor had called, saying that a British warship was expected to anchor in the inlet before many hours. This meant peril to the 890 lives of the crew of the battleship.

Leaving her child alone in the cottage, the mother made her way to the postoffice and reported what she had seen. Returning quickly to the side of the child, she found it dead.

Before long a British mine sweeper entered the inlet. As it did so the submarine came to the surface. There was a sharp fight. The mine sweeper gave a plunge and went down. Boatmen from the shore rescued the drowning crew.

The submarine prepared to depart. When it reached the outward headland it came face to face with the British warship. Another battle ensued and the submarine was damaged and captured. On board the U boat was Mangus Laurensen, husband of the heroic mother whose baby had died. Laurensen had been captured the day before when the submarine sank his ship.

Laurensen and his wife that same afternoon sat in their cottage brooding over the death of their child, yet happy that the father himself had been spared. A knock sounded at the door. The captain of the battleship was ushered in. He warmly congratulated Mrs. Laurensen for her heroism, asking:

"Will you accept an immediate installment of your reward?"

"As you please," she answered.

The captain turned to the door. As he did so, a British jacktar entered holding at arms length a flaxen haired, blue-eyed infant.

"Will you adopt him?" asked the captain.

The husband and wife readily and willingly assented.

The child, concludes the story, had been rescued from a British steamer which had fallen a prey to a submarine.

BUSINESS IN POLICE COURT IS PICKING UP

Just because he went forth on a rampage, following an alleged seizure with a friendly bootlegger yesterday afternoon, B. O. Jearman was fined in police court this morning in the sum of \$15. The defendant, it was alleged at the trial this morning, went forth with blood in his eye after his erstwhile employer, a restaurateur on East Chickasha avenue. When the wife of the attacked interfered the defendant is alleged to have "cursed and abused her." Mayor Coffman, being satisfied that the defendant did, against the laws of the land and the peace and dignity of the city of Chickasha, fill himself to overflowing with hilarity fluids and that defendant did, thereafter curse and use unseemly language to a woman, gave him a fine and remanded him to jail until such time as the fine may be paid or satisfied.

Answering to the name of T. A. Forrest, the next defendant came to bat.

WILL SEEK FRANCHISE

TWO CO'S. TO APPLY TO COUNCIL

Want to Sell Natural Gas Here; Representative of Outside Capitalists Calls on
Mayor with Proposition; Local
Men Also After It

The regular meeting of the city council, on Thursday evening of this week, promises to be one of unusual interest to the people of Chickasha.

Parties desiring franchises to supply Chickasha with natural gas will have representatives present at this meeting who will submit propositions to the council and ask that an election be called for the purpose of voting one of the franchises asked.

When seen in the matter this morning, Mayor Coffman stated, "Yesterday a gentleman giving his name as Mr. Sneed of Tulsa arrived in Chickasha on one of the early trains and calling me over the phone asked an audience. I hastened to the city hall, met the gentleman in my office and, after he had stated his business, we entered lengthily into the matter."

"Mr. Sneed stated that he came to Chickasha in the interest of S. J. Hartman, Joe Lantry, Earl Simco and others of Tulsa and vicinity. He referred me to the Producers State bank and the First National bank of Tulsa and to the First National bank at Norman as to his own and the responsibility of the gentlemen named."

"Mr. Sneed said that Chickasha is the only large city in Oklahoma which is not supplied with natural gas. He said that the company whose representatives would appear before the council on Thursday night, would propose to build a pipe line into Chickasha and would offer to furnish gas to private consumers at a price not to exceed 35 cents per one thousand feet, and to manufacturers and other large users at a price averaging not to exceed 10 cents per one thousand feet. The company asking the charter will further agree to have the gas in Chickasha, connected and ready for use, by August 1st of this year or forfeit \$1,000."

"I am satisfied there is something to this deal and that some one means business and I shall be pleased for as many as possible of the representative citizens of Chickasha to be present at the Thursday night's meeting."

It is understood that a company composed of local oil and gas men will have representatives present at the meeting and that these representatives will also submit a proposition to the council seeking an election granting them a franchise.

EPIDEMIC OF FEVER IS FEARED

By United Press.

BRINKLEY, Ark., Feb. 8.—Clarendon, Ark., has asked that every available physician here be sent there at once to aid in checking the threatened epidemic of typhoid that has started since the town was flooded by the overflow of the Mississippi.

The storm sewer system of the town was destroyed. Seven hundred women and children are marooned in lofts. The last bread was distributed to them Monday.

The death toll in the floods has reached a total of 25. The fight to hold the main levy at Arkansas City was kept up all night. If it breaks the city will be destroyed.

TEUTONIC FLEET TO DASH OUT

London Hears Reports that Germans are
Preparing for Long Expected Marine
Move; New Warships Have
17 Inch Guns

By United Press.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—The German fleet is preparing to make the long-expected dash into the North sea, according to reports received today from Dutch sources.

Dispatches from The Hague reported that marines were being withdrawn from the Belgian coast to Kiel and that all leaves of absence of German naval officers had been cancelled.

Reports of sudden activity at Kiel come from Copenhagen. It is said that four Zeppelins and a number of taubes have reinforced the air flotilla at the German base. It is supposed that they will accompany the German fleet in its sortie.

According to recent reports, the Germans have equipped several of their new draughts with seven-teen-inch guns and have armed Zeppelins with devices for shooting torpedoes from the air.

HOPI TRIBE WAR DANCE

By United Press.
PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 8.—Reports reaching here say the Hopi tribe of Navajo Indians are war-dancing in their strongholds on their reservation beyond the Painted Desert, causing considerable uneasiness.

Federal authorities fear the Indians may take the warpath and massacre the whites in Northwestern Arizona in revenge for the killing of one of their warriors who resisted arrest. The Indian bureau in Washington has been notified of the situation.

WEATHER FORECAST.

For Oklahoma.

During twenty-four hours ending 8 a. m. today:

For Oklahoma — Tonight, rain; warmer; Wednesday, cloudy; colder in west portion.

Local Temperature.

Maximum, 35 degrees.
Minimum, 24 degrees.